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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing to you regarding a most important matter. It has recently come to my attention that there is no current law which prohibits forced molting of hens. I am appalled, to say the least. I am in full support of the petition which bans this abuse and animal cruelty (docket 98P-0203/CP).

Perhaps the reason there is no current law prohibiting this torture is because the Food and Drug Administration is not aware of the suffering that takes place...or perhaps the FDA doesn't care.

Mr. Jaffe, do you realize that forced molting also causes the eggs produced to be poisoned? Not only is there extreme suffering and death of millions of hens each year, but also health hazards to the humans who consume these eggs.

My heart is saddened to know that to many farmers, monetary rewards are more important than the humane treatment of innocent animals. Mine is only a small voice, speaking on behalf of the defenseless. Won't you help?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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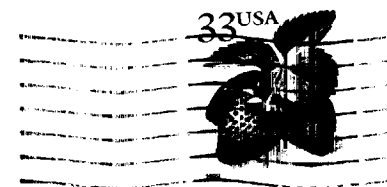
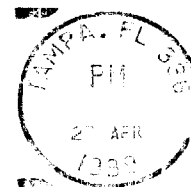
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